

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Allegation of irregularities in various works in Kamalapuram (M), YSR Kadapa District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated and charges framed against Sri D.Devadas, former DEE, PRSD, Kamalapuram, now retired - Charge proved in the inquiry – Inquiry report communicated – Show cause Notice issued - Imposing a penalty of withholding 15% of pension for a period of three (3) years besides recovery of loss for an amount Rs.20,18,390/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety only) – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 373

Dated: 20-05-2025

Read the following:

- 1.Vigilance Report No.27(C.No.508/V&E/E1/2013), dated 31.10.2014 of DG, V&E.
- 2.G.O.Rt.No.710, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.17.07.2015.
- 3.G.O.Rt.No.561, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.28.08.2019.
- 4.G.O.Rt.No.580, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.13.10.2020.
- 5.G.O.Rt.No.444, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.09.08.2021.
- 6.D.O.Lr.No.59/COI-KVR/2021, dated 31.01.2023 of Member, COI, G.A.Dept.,
- 7.Govt.Memo No.20190/Vig.II/2014-2, dated 15.04.2023.
- 8.Sri D.Devadas, former DEE, PRSD, Kamalapuram (Retired), Representation, dated 19.05.2023.
- 9.Lr.No.Vig(4)/752/2015, dated 29.11.2024 of ENC, PR, Vijayawada.
- 10.Govt.Memo No.20190/Vig.II/2014-29, dated 12.02.2025.
- 11.Sri D.Devadas, former DEE, PRSD, Kamalapuram, now retired, Representation, dt.21.03.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department has furnished Vigilance Report, dt.31.10.2014, on the allegations of irregularities in the works executed under various grants viz., Rajiv Palle Bata, ACDP, MPLADS, MGNREGS, ZP General funds, APSFC, ZP Seigniorage Grant, MP Rs.8/- per capita, MP Woman and Child Welfare, MP ST Welfare, RRM and TFC in Kamalapuram Mandal, Kadapa District, and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri D.Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired, among others for committing certain irregularities execution of works besides recovery amount proportionately from the officers concerned/executive agencies/self help groups among other recommendations.

2. Accordingly, in the reference 2nd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing the following article of charge under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 vide reference 2nd read above against Sri D.Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired, among eight (8) others, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge:

That Sri D.Devadas, the then Dy.Executive Engineer, PR Subdivision, Kamalapuram, Kadapa Dist., now working at PRISD, Kodur, Kadapa Dist., has committed irregularities in execution of works sanctioned under various grants in Kamalapuram Mandal, Kadapa District and failed to discharge his legitimate duties and allowed the substandard execution of work with malafide intention and caused loss to the Government exchequer in violation of Rule 3 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. The same was served to Sri D.Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired and acknowledged but he has not submitted his written statement of defense. Accordingly, Government have appointed Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS (Retired), Commissioner of Inquiries, as Inquiry Officer to conduct regular enquiry into the charges framed against them and also appointed Presenting Officer, under Rule 20(2)(5)(c) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, vide reference 3rd read above and subsequently, the Inquiry Officers were changed from time to time on administrative grounds vide references 4th and 5th read above.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, General Administration Department has submitted inquiry report, dt.31.01.2023, wherein, the Inquiring Authority has held the charge framed against the charged officer, Sri D. Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired, as proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Government, among others, have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer, Sri D.Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired, as per Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiring Authority, among others.

6. In the reference 8th read above, the Charged Officer, Sri D.Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired, has submitted his representation, dt.19.05.2023 and stated that the analysis made against him does not give and reflect any substantial and reasonable evidence in token of establishing the delinquency on his part and the respectable Inquiring Authority simply narrated the Observations found in the Vigilance Report and in the Articles of Charges thereon and does not give proper analysis and evidence in support of the findings of the Inquiring Authority and hence the findings of the respectable Inquiring Authority are totally denied and disagreed. Hence, he has requested the Government to drop the charge framed against him.

7. Government have examined the matter and observed that as per the Vigilance Report dt.31.10.2014, Sri D.Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired, has allowed the substandard execution of works with malafide intention and caused loss to the Government exchequer. The defense of Charged Officer is not satisfactory as he has not answered technically and as per his job chart, Charged Officer is responsible to prepare estimates

scheduling, ensure quality, supervise and complete the works sanctioned in his jurisdiction in all sectors and schemes. After perusal of the defence and records available, it is concluded that Charged Officer has not discharged his duties as per job chart and codal provisions. In view of the above reasons, the observation of Vigilance & Enforcement officials in report No.27, dated 31.10.2014 are sustained. As such, the contentions of Sri D. Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired, are devoid of merits.

8. In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement, have also recommended to recover/reject the amounts in respect of 84 works pertaining to Irrigation and Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Departments respectively to a tune of Rs.72,30,330/- and also to recover the same from self help groups, if not recovered, it should be recovered from the concerned departmental officials proportionately. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, vide reference 9th read above, has informed that Rs.40,695/- was recovered from the Executive Agencies till now for only three (3) work Nos.14, 59 and 60 and remaining amount couldn't be able to recover from them, even after elapse of 12 years. Further, he has also furnished the justification report for apportion of recovery amounts from each Charged Officer, as per their job role and responsibility, such as (i) ratio of apportion, (ii) amount for each work and the Charged Officer responsible, in a prescribed proforma for 83 works pertaining to the Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Departments.

9. After careful examination, the Government have agreed with the above justification proposal for apportion of recovery amounts from the concerned Charged officers for the works they are responsible. Accordingly, Sri D.Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired, is responsible for (51) works, wherein he has allowed the substandard execution of work with mala fide intention and caused loss to the Government exchequer. The following table showing (i) Sl. No. of work, (ii) ratio of apportion among Charged Officers, (iii) Recovery amount already recovered from the Executive Agency, (iv) Recovery amount to be recovered in respect of **CO-6** is as follows:-

Sl. Number of works	Ration of apportion among Cos based on their responsibility	Amount recovered from the Executive Agencies concerned (in Rs.)	Amount to be recovered from CO-6 (in Rs.): -
12	CO-6:100% (AE)	0/-	80,119/-
3,14,16,50, 51,53,54,61,62, 63,65,67,69	CO-3/5:CO-6::5:3 (AE/AE:DEE)	12977/- (for work No.14)	3,89,191/-
27	CO-6:CO-7::4:1	0/-	82,146/-
2, 6,7,8,9,10,11, 22,26,30,31,32, 33,34,35,36,37, 38,39,40,43,45,	CO-3/4:CO-6:CO-7/8:: 5:3:2 (AE/AE:DEE:MPDO/EE)	0/-	14,06,934/-

46,47,48,49,52, 55,56,57,58,66, 70,71,73			
42	CO-3:CO-4:CO-6:CO-7:: 2.5:2.5:3:2 (AE:AE:DEE:MPDO)	0/-	60,000/-
Total No. of works: (51)	Total Amount	0/-	Rs.20,18,390/-

10. In Annexure-I, a statement showing viz, (i) Sl.No. of the work, (ii) Nomenclature of work; (iii) Grant; (iv) Name of Contractor/Agency; (v) Executing Agency (vi) V&E observations; (vii) Recoveries; (viii) Observations of V&E in Work; (ix) Rejected values (x) Recovery already effected; (xi) Remaining amount to be effected; (xii) Reasons for rejection; (xiii) COs figured against the work in inquiry report; (xiv) to (xxiii) name of Charged Officer and apportioned amount work-wise indicated against such Charged Officer, is enclosed herewith. In Annexure-II, the total (51) works for which the charged officer, Sri D.Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired, is responsible also mentioned. Hence, an amount of Rs.20,18,390/- is apportioned to him, for recovery.

11. After careful examination of the matter, Government have taken a provisional decision to withhold 15% of Pension for a period of three (3) years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, besides recovery for an amount of Rs.20,18,390/- (Rs. Twenty Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety only) against Sri D.Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired. Accordingly, in the reference 10th read above, a show-cause notice was communicated to Charged Officer for his representation if any, on the above provisional decision of the Government.

12. In the reference 11th read above, the Charged Officer, Sri D. Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired, has submitted his representation and requested to finalize the disciplinary proceedings and requested to release his pensionary benefits.

13. After careful examination, Government hereby impose a penalty of withholding 15% of Pension for a period of three (3) years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, besides recovery for an amount of Rs.20,18,390/- (Rs. Twenty Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety only) against Sri D.Devadas, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Kamalapuram, now retired in the matter.

14. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, is requested to take further action in the matter accordingly and to recover the above amount mentioned at para.13 above in a lump sum from the charged officer and send Action Taken Report to the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri D.Devadas, former DEE, PRSD, Kamalapuram, now retired.

Through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, with a request to serve the same on the CO and furnish the acknowledgement copy to the Government.

Copy to:

The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.

The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, A.P., Vijayawada.

The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Estt.I) Department.

The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR,RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.

The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Department. SF/SC(921039).

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SECTION OFFICER